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Rains Boost Cotton Sowings

With the resurgence of the monsoon and receipt of good rains in several States, cotton sowings have gained further momentum. According to the figures published in Cotton Outlook, the area sown to cotton upto July 8 is about 66 lakh hectares, exceeding last year's area of 48.5 lakh hectares by the same period by as much as 36 per cent. The State-wise details of area sown upto July 8 are as under :

(in lakh ha)

State	2010-11			2009-10
	Bt. Cotton	Non-Bt. Cotton	Total	Total
Punjab	5.49	0.10	5.59	5.36
Haryana	4.13	0.31	4.44	5.07
Rajasthan	1.60	0.65	2.25	4.00
North Zone	11.22	1.06	12.28	14.43
Gujarat	9.47	1.27	10.74	10.89
Maharashtra	23.85	2.65	26.50	11.57
M. Pradesh	4.05	0.45	4.50	3.00
Central Zone	37.37	4.37	41.74	25.46
A. Pradesh	9.44	0.01	9.45	5.79
Karnataka	1.63	0.41	2.04	2.28
Tamil Nadu	0.03	0.04	0.07	0.09
South Zone	11.10	0.46	11.56	8.16
Other States	-	0.51	0.51	0.42
All-India	59.69	6.40	66.09	48.47

It will be seen that most of the increase is in Maharashtra and to some extent in Andhra Pradesh. In the two northern States of Haryana and Rajasthan, the coverage this year is appreciably lower, which is attributed to the

shortage in the supply of canal water for irrigation. In a more recent report that appeared in the press, it is stated that by the middle of July, the area sown to cotton is 82.8 lakh hectares, about 22 per cent higher than the area of 67.8 lakh hectares covered by the same period last season. However, State-wise details are not available. In any case, indications are that this year the final planted area will be higher than last season's 101.7 lakh hectares.

It may also be noted that of the 66 lakh hectares planted by July 8, about 59.7 lakh hectares or 90 per cent of the total, are covered by Bt. cottons.

(Source : Cotton Outlook)

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Exports Up By 30.4 p.c. in June

Merchandise exports from the country have been showing an uptrend in recent months. This upward trend has reportedly continued during June also when a growth of 30.4 per cent was recorded, to touch \$ 17.75 billion. This is also partly due to the low base in June 2009 when exports had nosedived almost 28 per cent to touch \$ 13.5 billion. However, exports have been showing a steady growth since November 2009 after more than a year's decline. This may be clear from the following figures :

(In \$ billion)			
Month	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
November	11.16	14.50	-
December	13.37	16.10	-
January	12.90	15.30	-
February	11.94	16.10	-
March	12.90	19.90	-
April	18.46	12.40	16.90
May	18.69	12.00	16.10
June	19.19	13.50	17.75

The total export value during the first quarter of the current fiscal has come to \$ 50.75 billion as against \$

37.95 billion during the corresponding quarter of 2009-10, representing a growth of 33.7 per cent.

As in the case of exports, imports have also been growing during the last few months. The value of imports during the first three months of the financial year is given below :

(In \$ billion)			
Month	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
April	30.3	19.1	27.3
May	29.4	19.8	27.4
June	29.0	22.6	28.3

The total value of imports during the April-June period this fiscal has been \$ 83 billion, representing a growth of 35 per cent over the value of \$ 61.5 billion during the corresponding period of last year.

In the case of exports, while sectors like petroleum and oil products, engineering goods and gems and jewellery performed remarkably well in June, exports of readymade garments are said to have been in the red recording a 24 per cent contraction.

(Source : Financial Exp. 20.07.2010)

World Cotton Supply and Distribution

(1,000 HA and 1000 480-lb. Bales)

Country Mktg Year	Beginning Stocks	Area Harvested	Production	Imports	Total Supply	Exports	Use	Ending Stocks	Stock to Use %
World									
1990/91	24,973	33,151	87,149	30,578	142,700	29,560	85,524	27,446	32
1991/92	27,446	34,786	95,295	29,022	151,763	28,249	86,192	36,954	43
1992/93	36,954	32,667	82,348	27,053	146,355	25,475	86,332	34,485	40
1993/94	34,485	30,743	77,720	27,951	140,156	26,660	85,550	27,803	32
1994/95	27,803	32,278	86,345	30,287	144,435	28,157	84,617	31,991	38
1995/96	31,991	35,947	93,873	26,997	152,861	27,361	85,940	40,104	47
1996/97	40,104	33,772	90,117	28,577	158,798	26,838	87,936	44,609	51
1997/98	44,609	33,815	92,280	25,928	162,817	26,722	87,267	49,409	57
1998/99	49,409	32,899	86,096	24,480	159,985	23,524	84,760	52,815	62
1999/00	52,815	32,357	87,962	27,976	168,753	27,170	91,082	51,103	56
2000/01	51,103	32,023	89,097	26,227	166,427	26,200	92,158	49,408	54
2001/02	49,408	33,729	98,703	29,304	177,415	29,149	94,442	54,530	58
2002/03	54,530	30,757	90,976	30,187	175,693	30,457	98,390	47,625	48
2003/04	47,625	32,323	96,734	34,112	178,471	33,198	98,073	48,084	49
2004/05	48,084	35,724	121,569	33,840	203,493	35,014	109,074	60,575	56
2005/06	60,575	34,751	116,793	44,769	222,137	44,595	116,780	62,381	53
2006/07	62,381	34,584	122,046	38,055	222,482	37,266	123,795	63,258	51
2007/08	63,258	32,926	119,750	38,991	221,999	38,527	123,337	62,308	51
2008/09	62,308	30,730	107,156	30,041	199,505	30,155	109,940	62,079	56
2009/10	62,079	30,317	102,549	35,621	200,249	35,312	116,550	50,985	44
2010/11	50,985	32,654	116,016	37,051	204,052	37,019	119,702	49,909	42

Source: USDA

Cotton, the Wonder Fibre

In a recent issue, "Cotton Counts", published from US, states that cotton remains the most miraculous fibre under the sun, even after 8000 years. No other fibre comes close to duplicating all of the desirable characteristics combined in cotton. Cotton is noted for its versatility, appearance, performance and above all its natural comfort from all types of apparel, including astronauts' in-flight space suits to sheets and towels and tarpaulins and tents, cotton in today's fast-moving world is still nature's wonder fibre. It provides thousands of useful products and supports millions of jobs as it moves from field to fabric.

A National Cotton Council analysis is said to affirm that today's modern cotton production system provides significant benefits to rural America's economy and environment. Healthy rural economies are based on stable farm income and cotton yields and prices are often among the healthiest of field crops, vegetable or fruit.

Cotton continues to be the basic resource for thousands of useful products manufactured in US and other countries. An often overlooked component of the crop is the vast amount of cottonseed. In US about two-thirds of the 6.5 billion tonnes of cottonseed produced is fed whole to live-stock. The remaining seed is crushed producing a high grade salad oil and a high-protein meal for live-stock, dairy and poultry feed.

Coming to cotton's major uses, it is stated that eventually about 57 per cent of the cotton produced in US is converted into apparel, more than a third into home furnishings and the remainder into industrial products. Cotton's competitive share in textiles produced in US is said to show a steady increase, presently standing at approximately 34 per cent. Cotton's share in the retail apparel and home furnishings market is stated to have grown from a historic low of 34 per cent in the early 1970s to more than 60 per cent today.

Cotton is used for virtually every type of clothing from coats and jackets to foundation garments. Most of its apparel usage is for men and boy's clothing. Cotton is said to supply over 70 per cent of this market, with jeans, shirts and underwear being major items. In home furnishings, cotton's uses range from bed-spreads to window shades. It is by far the dominant fibre in towels and washclothes, supplying almost 100 per cent of that market. Cotton is popular in sheets and pillow cases where it holds over 60 per cent of the market. Industrial products containing cotton are as diverse as wall coverings, book bindings and zipper tapes. The biggest cotton users in this category are said to be medical supplies, industrial thread and tarpaulins.

(Source : "Cotton Counts" published from US)

Joint Director General of Foreign Trade Visits CAI

Shri Hardeep Singh, ITS, Joint Director General of Foreign Trade visited CAI on 30th July 2010. Shri Dhiren N. Sheth, President, CAI and other

office bearers welcomed Shri Hardeep Singh and took him around the Cotton Exchange Building.

Shri Hardeep Singh also visited our Laboratory and Standrad Rooms and he was briefed about the role and activities of CAI and the Association's cotton promotion plans.



Shri Hardeep Singh with the CAI team in front of the statue of Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas



Shri Sheth explaining the functioning of the Laboratory

SNIPPETS

The Business Optimism Index (BOI) as determined by a leading analyst has reportedly been on the rise. For the third quarter of 2010, it is said to have risen to a two-year high of 150.0, an increase of 13.6 per cent over the Index of 132.1 during the corresponding quarter of 2009. The sustained improvement in BOI is said to be reflective of the continuous strengthening of confidence among the corporates. Robust growth in industrial production, stabilising domestic consumption-demand, rapidly growing investment demand coupled with increase in imports and exports appear to have supported growing business confidence.



According to the latest report, the total cotton sowing acreage has covered almost 94% of the normal sowing acreage to reach 102.35 lakh hectares against the normal acreage of 108.70 lakh hectares on account of steady rainfall in major growing regions coupled with crop diversification by cultivators.



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UPCOUNTRY SPOT RATES

(Rs./Candy)

Official quotations for standard descriptions with basic grade and staple in Millimetres based on Upper Half mean Length under By-law 66 (A)(a)(4)						SPOT RATES (UPCOUNTRY) 2009-10 CROP					
						July 2010					
						24 th	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th
01.	ICS-101	Below 22mm	Bengal Deshi (RG)	5.0-7.0	15	H	23500	23500	23500	23600	23600
02.	ICS-201	Below 22mm	Bengal Deshi (SG)	5.0-7.0	15	O	23700	23700	23700	23800	23800
03.	ICS-102	22mm	V-797	4.5-5.9	19		19900	19900	20000	20000	20000
04.	ICS-103	23mm	Jayadhar	4.0-5	19		21500	21500	21700	21700	21700
05.	ICS-104	24mm	Y-1	4.0-5.5	20	L	24800	24800	25000	25000	25000
06.	ICS-202	25mm	J-34	3.5-4.9	23		28700	28700	28800	29000	29100
07.	ICS-105	25mm	NHH-44	3.5-4.9	22		N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
08.	ICS-105	27mm	LRA-5166	3.5-4.9	24	I	27200	27200	27300	27300	27300
09.	ICS-105	28mm	H-4/ MECH-1	3.5-4.9	25		28200	28200	28400	28400	28500
10.	ICS-105	29mm	S-6	3.5-4.9	26	D	29500	29500	29700	29700	29800
11.	ICS-105	31mm	Bunny/ Brahma	3.5-4.9	27		30700	30700	30900	30900	30900
12.	ICS-106	33mm	MCU-5/ Surabhi	3.3-4.5	28	A	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
13.	ICS-107	35mm	DCH-32	2.8-3.6	31		41000	41000	41500	41500	41000
14.	ICS-301	26mm	ICC	3.7-4.3	25	Y	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.